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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Article Number: P 959 255 937

Mr. Robert Schaefer, Assistant Director of Public Works  
City of Springfield  
Busch Building, 940 Boonville Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65801

Re: P.G. Walker & Son, 1404 College Street, Springfield, MO

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

A few years ago, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. purchased the assets of the business entity known as P.G. Walker & Son from the owner John Wyrsh. As you probably know, there is a P.G. Walker facility located in the City of Springfield at 1404 College Street. The pre-acquisition due diligence work performed by Air Products uncovered some historical petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in the soil at the Walker Springfield site. This contamination is most likely the result of the rock quarry and auto salvage businesses which formerly operated there. Laboratory analysis has shown the petroleum hydrocarbon contaminants to be heavy (no benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene or xylene), rather non-mobile species. Air Products decided to lease the site from Mr. Wyrsh while the contamination was being addressed under the oversight of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) through its Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).

With one exception, all contaminated soil has been removed from the property to below the 1,000 ppm cleanup level established by the MVCP for this industrial site. The exception area is a pocket of inaccessible contamination about 12 ft. below ground surface along the north property boundary bordering College Street. Though not confirmed, it is possible that the contamination left in place extends beneath College Street. As a condition of receiving closure from the MDNR concerning the remediation project, the MDNR has requested that we inform the City of Springfield (the City) of at least the possibility that petroleum hydrocarbon contamination may extend under the sidewalk and/or street to prevent inadvertent or uninformed excavation in this area. (The enclosed map shows the area in question.) If in the future, the City should work below grade in this area and come upon petroleum contamination soil, the VCP should be notified immediately and consulted on the appropriate course of action to be taken. The general phone number for the VCP is 573/526-8913 and the VCP project number for the subject property is Site Number 8886.

Please call me at 610/481-6239 if you have any questions concerning this correspondence. If you would like to visit the facility, please contact David Marek, P.G. Walker's General Manager, or Kevin Dennis, the facility operations manager, at 417/862-1745. The MDNR VCP case manager for the remedial investigation has been Dr. Chris Cady, who can be reached at 573/526-8916.

Sincerely,

*Edward J. Dulac*

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Senior Principal Environmental Specialist  
Gases and Equipment Group  
Environmental, Health & Safety

Enclosure

c: Chris Cady, Ph.D. - MDNR  
Kevin Dennis/Dave Marek - P.G. Walker Springfield  
David Fraley - City Utilities of Springfield  
John Wyrsh

EFD/Walker Springfield Contamination Public Works Notification - 5.12.98

*Mike Giles  
Could you have  
Mike Fraley put this  
in our GIS?*  
12 May 1998



*1404 W. College St.*

COLLEGE STREET

FENCE

MAP  
GAS  
AREA

EXCAVATION 1

CONCRETE  
PIER

12B

6B

4B

7B

EXCAVATION 2

26B

NEWTON AVENUE (VACATED)

Pocket of inaccessible  
petroleum hydrocarbon  
contamination above the  
1,000 ppm cleanup level  
about 12 feet below ground  
surface.

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LEGEND

ALL EVEN NUMBERED SAMPLES WERE  
COLLECTED AT A DEPTH OF 12 FEET BLS.  
ALL ODD NUMBERED SAMPLES WERE  
COLLECTED AT A DEPTH OF 8 FEET BLS.

**FIGURE 8  
FINAL CONFIRMATORY  
SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP**

**P.G. WALKER FACILITY  
1404 COLLEGE STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

DATE:

DEC. 19, 1997

JOB NO.:

01789-153-045

DRAWN BY:

CHK'D BY:

PKM

SCALE:  
AS SHOWN



**DAMES & MOORE**

GROUP

A DAMES & MOORE GROUP COMPANY

2135 EAST SUNSHINE, SUITE 105  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65804

PHONE: 417-881-3927

FAX: 417-881-6361

MAIN  
BUILDING

DOCK

CONCRETE

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City Utilities of Springfield  
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